

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE**

ROLL CALL–Johnson, Bowie, Stull, Tome, Smith–present; Biser–absent

**MAYOR’S REMARKS**

MML Convention is next week–Mayor, Dave Dunn, Karin Tome, and Mary Elizabeth Bowie will attend.

Police Chief Swearing In–Milt Frech  
Milt reads oath & Mayor swears in.

**CITIZENS’ FORUM**

No public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Traffic Control Request–Brunswick Street Parking Discussion

Mayor and Dave Dunn give background. City received post office customer and resident complaints about parking around the Post Office. Customers parking illegally on south side of Brunswick Street. Original request was for parking to be allowed on both sides of Brunswick Street in the 300, 400, & 500 blocks. When Council discussed that option at the last Council meeting, it was decided to table the matter and conduct further research. That option, along with possibly allowing diagonal parking was researched. Fire and ambulance companies were contacted and weighed in on the issue. Neither agency was in favor of parking on both sides of street or diagonal parking, as both options narrow the width of the driving lane.

Smith–Mentions that diagonal parking was researched when Dick Goodrich was Mayor.

Mayor–Not in favor of approving a parking plan that restricts services fire and ambulance could provide.

Dave–Points out that if diagonal parking is decided upon, the Council would have to change the Design Manual, as it currently prohibits diagonal parking in the City.

Cindy Mullinix, Brunswick Post Office–States that Post Office wants to be community friendly, and they do not wish to have their customers ticketed for parking illegally at the Post Office.

Smith–Questions why Council is in a hurry to change anything on Brunswick Street? This parking situation has been the same for over thirty years...why change it now?

Mayor–If Council approves 15-minute parking on both sides of Brunswick Street, directly in front of Post Office, will only gain probably one space on the south side. Driveways to the houses across from the Post Office need sufficient clearance, so there's probably only space for one, possibly two, spaces. Also has heard that Post Office is considering not allowing parking in their lot at all.

Cindy Mullinix–The Post Office is considering not allowing parking in their lot only after hours, as a security precaution. Customers will still be able to park in this lot during business hours.

Mayor–Questions parking in Post Office lot, along the VFW side?

Cindy Mullinix–Not sure who actually owns those spaces, but currently, Post Office employees use them to free up spaces in their lot. Also, questions whether City would allow a mail drop/shoot box being placed at City Hall in ATM Drive-Thru area?

Mayor–City would be willing to work with Post Office in this area.

Johnson–States she is not in favor of parking on south side of Brunswick Street at all.

Stull–Motion to craft resolution to stripe as many spaces as allowed on both sides of Brunswick Street, directly in front of Post Office; north side would be 15-minute parking during business hours only; south side would be 15-minute parking during business hours, no parking after business hours

2<sup>nd</sup>–Tome

Tome–Questions if there will be a problem for emergency services if this is passed.

Mayor–Will discuss this issue with them again.

Vote 4-1, Johnson against

## NEW BUSINESS

FY 2010 Audit Proposals–Dave Dunn

Finance Committee was slightly concerned because City has had same auditors for

approximately ten years, and wanted staff to look into this issue.

Three bids received and Cheryl Lawson contacted low bidders for some additional information. By using Draper, the current auditor, Cheryl can save some money by completing some of the work in house. In past years, she has done that.

Dave points out that there is always some overtime for the accountant around audit time. Last year, accountant probably earned close to \$1000 overtime, but saved around \$5000 in total audit costs.

Accountant recommends Draper because of their experience in completing past audits.

Smith–Pushed for this RFP and is satisfied that Draper is still in the ballpark of where City wants to be. Draper provides quality work and would rather stay with current auditors.

Tome–Points out that she believes it is important to get a “fresh” look at City finances.

Dave–Points out that Draper is a Frederick-based company, however Lindsay is located in Towson.

Stull–Could vote either way, but is leaning towards Draper.

Smith–Motion to retain Draper as auditor

2<sup>nd</sup>–Stull

Vote 4-1, Tome against

Contribution Request–BHS Athletic Boosters

Misty Bitler, Treasurer for Athletic Boosters–gives brief overview of program

Motion to contribute \$100–Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>–Bowie

Vote 5-0

August First Friday–Main Street Road Closure Request–Patrick Kay

Gives brief overview of events to include a volleyball net in East Potomac Street, if Council will allow. Requesting blocking East Potomac Street from Maple Avenue to Martin’s Creek parking lot from 4:45 until 9:00 p.m.

Tome–Asks if Police will be present anyway?

Chief–Yes.

Smith–Motion to close street

## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Bowie

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Date City Administrator Date